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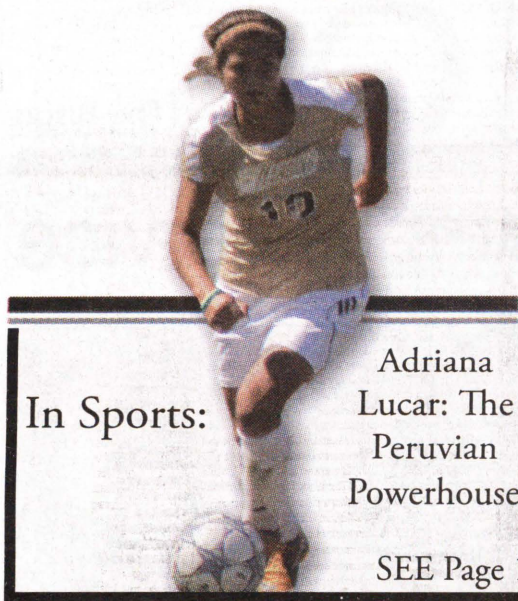
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photo by CALEB RUMMEL | The Bison
Juniors Nathan Howell and Lauren Kinney show support for Relay for Life with purple attire.

Relay for Life moves to front lawn

by PAYTON HURST
guest writer

Harding University will sponsor an American Cancer Society Relay for Life event on the front lawn tonight at 6 p.m. Relay for Life was started in 1985 in Tacoma, Wash., to raise funds and awareness for all types of cancer victims across the country. This is an overnight, marathon-style event in which teams camp out and take turns walking throughout the night. This is the third consecutive year that Harding has participated in Relay for Life. In the past two events, Harding has raised a combined \$13,000 in donations. This year, the Relay for Life team is hoping to nearly double that overall total. "Our goal this year is \$12,000," said the event co-chair Andrea Stackpole. "We know it's a big jump, but we have faith in our student body. We are expecting about 250 people, but we need all the help we can get." This week, students have had the

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-Andrea Stackpole, event co-chair

chance to "paint the campus purple" to raise awareness for the upcoming event and to learn facts about cancer. Activities for the official event will begin at 6 p.m. and will include live music, an inflatable obstacle course, food and drinks. Normally, Relay for Life takes place around a track, as it has at Harding the past two years. This year, however, the committee has decided to mix things up by moving activities to the front lawn. "It's a more central location," Stackpole said. "This event is all about raising awareness, and the front lawn is more visible and easily accessible." With all the various activities going on at Relay For Life, the committee is still making sure that all of the focus is on

raising awareness for cancer victims. The three main activities of the night are the Survivor Lap, the Luminaria Ceremony and the Fight Back Ceremony. The Survivor Lap will take place at the beginning of the Relay when cancer survivors will have a chance to walk around the front lawn and celebrate their victory over cancer. The Luminaria Ceremony will involve remembering those afflicted by cancer with candles, and during the Fight Back Ceremony, participants will be encouraged to make a personal commitment to the fight against cancer. For more information about Relay for Life or other ways to get involved, be sure to visit relayforlife.org or stop by the booth in the student center.



photo by CHANEY MITCHELL | The Bison
A jazz band of Harding students performs at "Get Down Downtown" on Saturday morning, Oct. 1. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Seniors Ben Ash and Tyler Replogle, sophomore Nicole Daniel and freshmen Daniel Houtrou and Corbin Fonville.

'Get Down Downtown' features student talent

HU bands perform for Searcy community festival

by CHANEY MITCHELL
asst. photographer

A bright fall morning began the second day of 'Get Down Downtown,' a festival honoring the Main Streets of the U.S., run by Main Street Searcy. The festival took place at Spring Park and on the square from Sept. 30 to Oct. 1. The Harding community is crossing a bridge to the Searcy community by participating in the 'Get Down Downtown' experience, the director, Amy Burton, decided to approach bands around campus to entertain. There were three stages total at the event and 21 bands, some formed by Harding students, came out. This is the fourth annual "Get Down Downtown" event that Main Street Searcy has hosted. Main Street Searcy is a part of a nonprofit organization whose goal is to preserve the Main Streets across the country. The purpose of the

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-Jared Phillips, Senior bass player

festival is put on to promote the historical buildings of downtown while also benefiting the merchants who conduct their business there. Down Spring and Main Streets tents and booths were set up in front of the businesses, advertising the wares and goings-on of the different merchants. Contests of all kinds gave visitors the chance to win many prizes such as a guitar or Toby Keith tickets. The jazz band went on at 11 a.m. and played for a full hour, changing out musicians periodically for different ensemble groups. Senior Jared Phillips, bass player for all of the ensembles, said that he enjoyed the experience. "I just show up, play and enjoy," Phillips said. "Even if you're playing for only four or five people, it's just the same as playing for yourself." Some Different Animals performed right after the jazz ensembles at noon and

proved to have a little bit bigger fan base. The band in unison expressed "Oh yeah" in their excitement about playing for the Searcy community. "The atmosphere is more inviting," said senior Sam Featherstone, lead vocals and guitar for the band. The band experienced some technical difficulties but pulled through. The non-Harding community was even intrigued by the band. An elderly man walked into the middle of the crowd of Harding students and just listened. When show finished, he applauded at the end of the show. The crowd was bopping and quietly singing along with the music. Junior Velvet Janelle, a fan of Some Different Animals, said she came out to watch her friends in the band and because she enjoys their musical style. "It makes Searcy more lively," said Janelle. "They should definitely do it next year."

Micah Rine honored in run

Harding community runs 5K to support fitness center

by J.M. ADKISON
editor-in-chief

In honor of Harding University and Harding Academy graduate Micah Rine, who died at the age of 26 in 2009, the Harding community is coming together this Saturday for Harding Academy's Homecoming to run a 5K race through Searcy in order to raise funds for Harding Academy's Micah Rine Wellness Room. Micah's father, Dennis Rine, who works as a counselor and teacher at Harding Academy, is organizing the event. He said if all goes well with the run on Saturday, then the run will become an annual event hosted during Harding Academy's future Homecoming weekends, similar to the Bison Stampede during Harding University's Homecoming. "This has been an idea since the tragedy," Dennis said. "But with the shock of the tragedy subsiding, we now have the time to spend on how to honor Micah." According to Dennis, Micah was a Harding Academy athlete and an avid runner. They ran on teams together in the Mississippi Marathon and the first Little Rock marathon. The wellness room that the race is supporting features exercise equipment and space used exclusively by female students and faculty.

Dennis also said many members of the community are sponsoring the race and volunteering to help the event run smoothly, such as the Zeta Rho social club and the Searcy Police Department. "I attended the Academy for three years and was blessed to see the Rines on a daily basis," said sophomore Tyler Gentry, who is helping coordinate the event. "I am also a member of College Church of Christ and have been able to see the impact they have on not only the church or school, but also the community." Brian Jones, Harding University 2009 graduate and co-chairman of the event, said he hopes the race will both honor Micah's memory and change the participants for the better through her legacy. "Micah Rine left a legacy behind," Jones said. "One that is a mark on all she touched. She lived her life fully for God and his kingdom mission. I hope those who participate in the race will come to know her story and be changed. Hence the word 'Legacy' in the race name." The Micah Rine Wildcat Legacy Run will take place tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. and will start in the Harding Academy parking lot. The entry fee is \$30 for those who have not yet registered. Participants have the choice to either run the 5K or walk the one mile, which will both take participants through Searcy's jogging trails and Micah's favorite places on campus.

Google Plus members grow, Facebook still dominates

by LAUREN BUCHER
news editor

Facebook has met its first serious contender: Google's new social networking site, Google Plus. With Google's mammoth search engine and array of sites such as Google Mail, Google Docs, Google Calendar and Google Maps, some theorize that Google Plus could knock Facebook off its social networking throne. Since its release in February 2004, Facebook has increased to 800 million users as of July 2011. While Google Plus has far fewer users, it is growing much faster than Facebook, MySpace and Twitter, according to an analysis done by comScore, an Internet marketing research company. Google Plus launched June 28, 2011, as an invite-only site and boasted 25 million users after four weeks, according to the comScore. As of Sept. 20, 2011, however, Google Plus went public; now anyone can join. But while Google Plus



may boast 25 million users, Harding students are not taking the bait. "Well I stopped using Google Plus, because there is nobody on it," senior Caitlin Sober said. "All my friends are on Facebook, and I don't want to have two sites. It didn't take off the way I thought it would. I didn't delete [my Google

Plus account], but I never use it." While both Google Plus and Facebook are social networking sites that offer similar communication avenues, both sites do offer different services. Google Plus' main appeal is that it offers the user more control and privacy. **SEE NETWORK PG. 2A**

College of Bible to oversee mission trips

Copeland no longer to run spring break missions; Baker, Tittle to direct upcoming trips.

by SAVANNAH LEE
asst. photographer

Spring break missions are experiencing a change in management this year.

For the last five years, spring break missions have been directed by the president's office by Nate Copeland. This year, however, the mission trips are being handed over to Andrew Baker, director of the Mitchell Center for Leadership and Ministry, and Brandon Tittle, assistant director, in the College of Bible.

Working as assistant to the president, assistant professor of business and the director of the College of Business Administration Alumni Networking Center, Copeland has a full schedule.

"I needed to take something off my plate and spring break missions really fit," Copeland said. "It also fits really well with what [Baker and Tittle] are trying to do with leadership in ministry in the College of Bible."

This transition has been discussed for about a year and a half, and the work that Baker and Tittle do with the leadership in ministry made them a natural fit for spring break missions. Taking over the spring break missions gives them a chance to further develop student leaders.

The change of management comes with a few other changes. Tittle said leadership in ministry majors will be able to do a spring break campaign for credit. Students who lead a trip will be able to count the mission trip as their Bible class for the spring semester (although just participating in a trip will get the leadership in ministry students some sort of field work credit).

Baker and Tittle are also trying to get more faculty and staff going on the trips. Tittle said trips will still be student-led, but the faculty will

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- Brandon Tittle, assistant director of the Mitchell Center

be there as a great resource.

"We thought it would be good to get [the faculty] more involved in what the students are doing," Tittle said.

They are also looking into the possibility of opening the trips up for alumni. Tittle said a lot of Harding alumni were a part of spring break missions during their time at Harding University and would love to come back and share that experience with students.

Baker and Tittle said they are working on getting churches involved at an earlier stage in the planning process as well.

"We think [getting churches involved] would be very helpful and beneficial in creating some long-term partnerships with the churches and organizations so that it will be more than just a one-week high point," Tittle said.

The destinations for the trips will be the same as they were in previous years. Tittle said they are looking at four or five new destinations, but nothing is set in stone and these new locations may not work out.

Sometime in October, after destination and leader decisions are finalized, the trips will be heavily advertised and students will be further encouraged to sign up and participate in the spring break missions that will take place Spring 2012.

New club revamps campus service

by J. M. ADKISON
editor-in-chief

This past summer, senior Milton Stewart began planning a student club that would not only be dedicated to serving White County, but also allow students to completely create, organize and promote projects. Those plans became a reality as he formed Volunteer Harding.

Stewart said once he created a club constitution, found a faculty sponsor, set up a leadership system and recruited a sufficient amount of members, the administration officially recognized Volunteer Harding as a student organization three weeks into the semester.

"Over the summer, I wanted to create an organization that was based purely on volunteering because Harding did not have one," Stewart said. "I think a lot of people want to get involved but do not know how."

Stewart said the new club already has between 40 and 50 student members.

"On the front lawn, when they had the Back to School Bash, we had a table out there," Stewart said as he explained how Volunteer Harding recruited so many students so quickly. "A lot of freshmen came by and

I talked to them about [Volunteer Harding]. And though my table looked a little raggedy, and I didn't have any pictures up because we were a new club, I talked to them and was honest and real with them."

Stewart said he contacted friends over the summer to create the executive committee. Stewart serves as the club president, with four vice presidents and 16 executive members. The club is separated into different ministries: the ministry for the elderly, the children's ministry, the Judsonia warehouse ministry and the ready response team.

"The [Judsonia] warehouse stores and delivers medical supplies," senior Ben Ash, vice president of logistics, said. "If someone needs their lawn raked or help with something at the last minute, the [ready response] team is ready for stuff like that. If someone needs something like getting their lawns raked, they can contact us and we can send people there right away."

Ash said his job is to organize tools and reserve spaces for their big events. Ash said there were also vice presidents for public relations and fund raising.

Stewart said Volunteer Harding has several plans for helping students get involved in the coming weeks. He said



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Sophomore Natalie Crumbaugh interacts with a Harding Place resident Sept. 18. Many Volunteer Harding members are a part of a ministry dedicated to reaching out to the elderly.

the club meets every two weeks in McInteer room 150 where they plan their next projects.

"We do one big project every month and so within that we have the idea, we plan it and we make it happen," Stewart said. "It is a great feeling to have an idea and then actually do it."

Volunteer Harding has a Facebook page, a Twitter

account, its own website and a mobile page to be "tech savvy to keep people interested and letting people know what's going on," according to Stewart.

"The more people we have that are interested, the more we can help the community," Ash said. "And that way we can be better representatives for both the university and for Christians."

Teacher-licensure students to meet with English teachers from Searcy

by WHITNEY DIXON
editorial asst.

For the first time, Harding University's English department is offering a forum for English teacher-licensure students that will provide the opportunity to meet with English teachers from Searcy High School and learn more about the art of teaching. The forum is named the Bobbie Coleman Teaching Forum, in honor of Harding alumna Coleman, who died in 2010.

The forum will take place on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in Cone Chapel. Although the content will be most directly relevant to students planning to teach English in secondary schools, non-licensure English majors

and students licensing to teach in different fields are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided, and the style of the forum will be informal.

Five English teachers from Searcy High School, two of whom are Harding alumni, will be present, representing instructors of 9th- to 12th-grade English. The topic of the forum will be "The First Day of School." Discussion will cover many different aspects that need to be considered for a successful first day in the secondary classroom. A question-and-answer session will follow.

"I'm just worried that our teacher-licensure students weren't getting enough from the department," said Dr. John Williams, chair of the department of English.

"Nowhere does it say that the English department has to teach licensure students how to teach. But still, I thought, why not try something that would give them a little extracurricular experience?"

Williams said another reason for the forum was to honor Bobbie Coleman. Coleman taught English at Searcy High School for 30 years, and she was the only active teacher to be inducted into The Searcy Education Foundation's Hall of Honor. She was also the recipient of the Arkansas Governor's School Award for influential educators and the 2004 Arkansas Journalism Teacher of the Year. In 2007 she was named Outstanding Alumna of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Coleman also took over the Teaching Methods course in the spring of 2008 during Dr. Rod Brewer's leave of absence and was also a guest speaker the same year at an English departmental chapel dealing with faith in the classroom.

Williams said he hopes to be able to continue to offer such forums for licensure students. He said such opportunities would be particularly beneficial to students who could partake for a full four years, each year learning more from experienced teachers. If the forum continues, more opportunities for building relationships exist as well.

"It's not just what the teachers can say to them," Williams said. "It's the people themselves can make an impact on our students."

NETWORK: Google Plus, Facebook begin battle

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For example, a Google Plus feature called circles allows users to separate contacts into circles, or groups, such as acquaintances, family, co-workers and friends. These circles, just like daily life, allow people to be in more than one circle: This feature allows users to post content that only certain circles may see. Users may also dictate which circles see which photographs.

"There aren't any other problems with [Google Plus] except for the lack of people," freshman Victoria Metts said. "I really like how you can filter your news feed. I like the cleanness of [Google Plus]. It's just concise. I think

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-Victoria Metts, freshman

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Other students said they are attracted to the site because of Google Plus' alternative features, such as the circle groups and hangouts, which are a Skype-like option that allows up to 10 people to video chat simultaneously.

Some students said they

are getting fed up with the constant changes occurring on Facebook, such as the news ticker placed at the top right of the Facebook home page and the new timeline option.

"Since there have been massive amounts of changes on Facebook, I would be very interested in trying out Google Plus due to the abrasive nature of Facebook changes," senior Rob Drake said.

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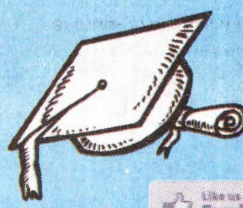
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Creating Experiences



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Guest Space

I am a city kid. After spending my early childhood in Orlando, Fla., where I came to believe that it was perfectly normal to see a certain gloved mouse on an almost weekly basis (my dad worked briefly as a consultant for Disney), my family moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Although I missed my good friend with the big ears, I enjoyed the seemingly infinite offerings of the area's extensive cities and suburbs. Teams like the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Rangers call the metroplex home, with their colossal stadiums built in the shadows of Six Flags' towering roller coasters that loom overhead. Restaurants, stores and coffee shops abound; movie theaters compete for customers with enormous screens, comfy chairs and clean, air-conditioned buildings. If all else failed, at least I had a pool. Where I come from, there is no need for creativity, as entertainment is anything but hard to come by.

Then I packed up and came to this new world called Searcy ... where they have a Wal-Mart. It occurred to me after a week on

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campus that unless I wanted to stay in my dorm all day doing nothing with anyone, I had to come face to face with the horrendous monster I had previously had no need to confront: creativity.

Don't misunderstand me: I love this town and I love Harding. The people are wonderful, and the strong community here is unlike anything I have ever experienced. Oftentimes, to simply walk around campus and see classmates I know or to spend time in the student center with friends is enough to make me know that I am where I need to be. Nevertheless, much of this is new to me. The very idea of life in a small town is almost entirely foreign to my experience, save occasional trips to my grandparents' homes over the years.

With this in mind, I, like numerous other students, repeatedly must wrestle with one nagging, even terrifying question: "What is there to do in Searcy?" Without any creativity, the list of answers is quite short and probably includes Sonic runs, Midnight Oil and pretty much nothing else.

This is why creativity — the ability to take a bland situation and make it into an adventure — is key. Creativity could be the transformation of a drowsy Saturday afternoon in October into a geocaching expedition to Heber, a last-minute camping trip or perhaps a simple pick-up Ultimate Frisbee game. If hiking and sports aren't your thing, creativity could mean watching a movie on your laptop with a friend beneath the shade of a tree in the front lawn, or maybe setting off for Little Rock (or on some weekends even downtown Searcy) in search of a free concert.

Creativity is about more than just doing things. It opens up doors to have experiences and to make memories with the people around you that wouldn't otherwise have happened had you stuck with the typical Sonic run. Don't let the fact that this is Searcy trip you up. Be creative, find a way to make ideas happen and go have an experience.

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Shopping Nightmares



hannah beall

Guest Space

going to run in there for five minutes." "Five minutes?" he asked. "Yes, Dad," I explained. "You don't understand. I really do mean five minutes."

Sure enough, five minutes later I was making my way back to the car with two new shirts and a pair of nice shoes for work.

Another thing that bothers me about dressing rooms is the layout. Let's be honest. Except for the 6-foot walls, there's nothing private about them. What if you're shopping with someone and you want an opinion as to whether that purple and orange sundress makes your head look really big? I mean, you already think so, but maybe you want to make sure it's not just you. And what if it does make your head look big? Well, now you and your big head have to journey far from that 2-by-2-mirrored safe haven of fading walls and a broken door. You and your big head have to parade in front of the public to find your friend who was supposed to be by the door.

For some reason, people get uncomfortably comfortable in a dressing room. If you don't know me, don't tell me that I look cute in something. First, it's disturbing and second, I just don't care what you think about the way I look. When in conversation, there are some

things that people just do not need to hear. I don't want to walk into a dressing room and hear some lame conversation all about a girl who likes this guy who likes her best friend who is some other guy's girlfriend whose mom is out shopping with her own best friend and best friend's daughter who happens to be the girl in the dressing room to the left who is clearly not a size 3 but is trying to make it happen with a pair of blue jeans she loudly claims she "has to have!" So, by the time you leave, you know dressing room one has a hair appointment with a French guy named Paolo on Saturday; room five is leaving her husband for some Russian banker named Hugo; room 12 thinks she looks awful in red, brown and things with lines; room seven is on the verge of selling her difficult child on eBay; and you're walking out with a ridiculous song in your head you heard over and over and over from room nine. Not that you didn't hear it three times that same day on the radio.

After an experience like this, I feel like coming home, pulling all my hair out and then relaxing. It also takes me a few months to ever want to go shopping again. Today I was thinking about the next time I will need something that requires a trip to a dressing room. Hopefully it won't be for another five or six years, maybe on my wedding day. Then again, maybe I just won't go. I'm sure my future husband will understand.

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But
Let's Be
Honest ...

Procrast ...

All I had to do the other night was study for one test — not even a hard test at that. I sat down to look at my notes at 9 p.m., and from that moment on I was useless. I cannot even tell you where my time went, but I do know that it was not spent studying. Hours passed and next thing I knew it was 2 a.m., and I'd only made it to slide two of 50 on the PowerPoint. At that point I was too tired to function, so I pushed back all the other work that was due ... I don't know ... yesterday. It's an endless cycle of irresponsibility.

Procrastination — we all do it. It's both my best friend and my worst enemy. Most importantly, though, it's one of my top talents.

I once had a book report due at midnight. I opened the book for the first time that night at 11 p.m. and wrote 16 pages in less than an hour. I turned it in on time and got an A++ (not joking about the double pluses). If that's not impressive, I really don't know what is.

I'll be completely transparent with you though — I've probably taken at least four hours of breaks already, and I'm only on the fourth paragraph of this column. To add to the ridiculousness of it all, this column was due last Friday. I think I need to lay out the process of writing this to fully convey how out of control I am.

I wrote the first sentence. Then my brain hurt, so I took a 20-minute break devoted to stalking my sister on Facebook. Then I wrote three sentences, deleted one of them, then took another 15-minute break talking to my editor John Mark about a peacock feather that randomly appeared in the office. That break spurred my productivity and I finished an entire paragraph before taking an ... errrr ... two-hour break in the student center for lunch. I don't think I'd ever sat in the student center for more than 30 minutes until that point, but I was desperate to avoid work.

I have also failed to mention that aside from writing the column, I had to get 100 responses to a public survey by 5 p.m. that day, I had a newspaper deadline that night and I had a test and quiz the next day.

But doing useless things always takes priority.

Let's see ... what else did I do? I stared at a wall for 20 minutes, caught up on all the celebrity gossip, busted out my Nicki Minaj and Lil' Wayne-inspired alter ego, ate a lot of junk food, told embarrassing stories from my childhood and, best of all, watched Boo, the world's cutest dog, on YouTube for an unreasonable period of time before liking Boo's page on Facebook and finding his personal website.

As you can see, I struggle with placing my time in the right venues. Don't worry that I haven't opened my book yet to study for my test, even though I had plenty of time to score a six out of 10 on the "Boo the Dog Quiz" (I still have a lot to learn about that precious Pomeranian pup).

Why change something that has worked so well for me in the past? I accomplish more in the crunched hour before deadline than I would if I worked for eight hours the week before. One day, though, I will crash and burn. My procrastination will come back and bite me in my just-failed-that-semester-project rear. But until then, you'll be able to find me in the same place next week. Just finishing this column at 2:12 a.m. the day the paper is going to press. So irrational, but so worth it.

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If I
Ruled
The
World

Robots are Stupid

If I ruled the world people would have to put a limit on mechanical ingenuity and robotic advancement.

Why? Because if I ruled the world, the last thing I would want to deal with would be a robot revolution. We've all seen that trilogy. It does not end well for humanity. We either end up dead, hooked up to power plants or turn into rag tag revolutionaries with bad hygiene.

Now I will start off by saying I am not against limiting humanity's creativity or cutting off its reach into the future. I am all for hovercrafts, teleportation pads and bacon-flavored slurpies, but when it comes to putting artificial intelligence on steroids and building robots in our likeness, that is where I draw the line. There is no way I am going to let the descendant of my toaster oven vaporize me because it feels underappreciated.

Does anyone ever wonder: Are we moving too fast?

Look at where we are today versus when we were in high school. For the older students out there: Remember in high school when the RAZR cell phone was the hottest item hidden in our backpack? Remember marveling at the graphics of "Super Mario 64" and thinking that a rumble pak was the greatest accessory any true gamer could have? I am not saying any of the advances we have already seen over our short lives is a bad thing, but how are we expected to keep up?

Right on schedule, the iPhone 4S is just a handful of weeks from being released, with the iPhone 5 not far behind, and you know the iPhone 6 is probably in development. With Apple products alone we cannot keep up, not to mention all of the other tech companies that start spitting out similar devices not long after Apple crosses the next tech boundary first.

Before you know it, we will be living in glass bubbles with our brains connected to wires and living in virtual realities to feel better about ourselves. Probably the robots won't have to create Terminators to take us out. All they have to do is create iWorld and we'll just sit back and let them take over.

And for the record, I still do not understand how the Matrix could really work. My laptop freezes up every time I try to watch even the simplest Rebecca Black music video, so how are we to expect a computer to handle thousands of minds at once without getting the spinning beach ball of death?

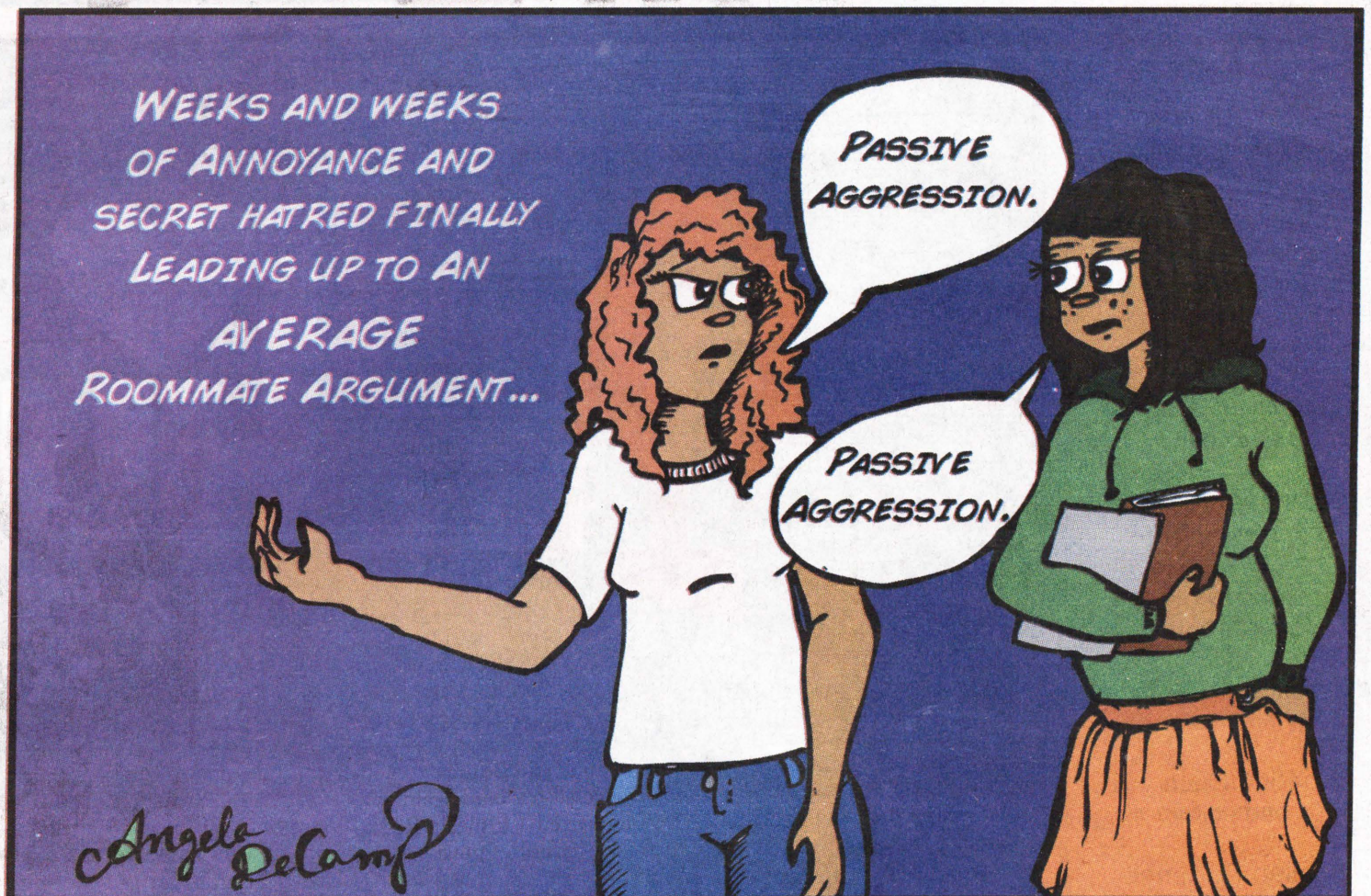
So what is my solution to this tech frenzy with possible apocalyptic repercussions?

It is simple: unplug. For just a day or two, turn off the laptop, shut off the phone, lock up the iPod and switch off the television (if you still watch it and not Hulu, that is).

There is nothing wrong with unplugging for a little while. There is nothing wrong with being unreachable. Twitter, Facebook, your blog and the next episode of the "New Girl" will still be there when you turn everything back on.

Instead of being in a state of constant communication, constant updating and constant streaming, you should take a break and a breath. God doesn't like it when you're trying to have your quiet time while simultaneously updating your Twitter with your favorite verse of the day.

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What To Do When The World Goes Mad

michaelantonio jones



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If you haven't noticed, things are getting pretty crazy out there. Revolutions are still going on in Egypt, Libya and Bahrain. The revolution in Syria is turning into an armed conflict. Greece is on the cusp of defaulting and the rest of the European Union is teetering on economic calamity. The British government is censoring YouTube videos of protests in other countries. Student riots have been raging in Chile. The U.S. government is carrying out assassinations without any due-process against its own citizens abroad.

So what is a person to do in this sea of madness?

To put it succinctly, be a force of love in this world.

"Hate is not the opposite of love; apathy is." Those words by American Psychologist Rollo May should cause one, especially the Christian, to pause.

In Mark 12:31, Jesus is debating with the teachers of the law when he states that the second greatest commandment is to love

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your neighbor as yourself — what we call the "Golden Rule." Who is your neighbor? Every single human being on this planet is because you have to live on it with them. In essence, Jesus is calling us, no, commanding us to love everyone. Humanity and the state of humanity must matter to us. If we allow apathy to take hold of our hearts and minds, we fail to uphold one of the cornerstones of our faith. In retrospect, we fail to even uphold the greatest commandment. How can we claim to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength when the condition and affairs of his creations, who are made in his image, do not matter to us?

Quite simply put, to be apathetic is to fail to be a Christian.

The Bible teaches us that God is love. While on this earth, Jesus was God wrapped in humanity — love incarnate. If we are to define sin as an act that separates us from God (who is love), then

apathy — which is the opposite of love — is sin. So to be a Christian — to be Christ-like — is to be a vessel of love. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are to become a force of love in this world.

We must become living gospels, proselytizing through our lifestyles and not with our legalism. To reference Micah 6:8, the Lord requires us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with him — to walk humbly with love. To turn a blind eye to injustice is not to act justly. To be intolerant is not to love mercy. To be self-righteous is not to walk humbly.

So, what are we to do when the world goes mad?

Simply put, we are to be Christ-like.

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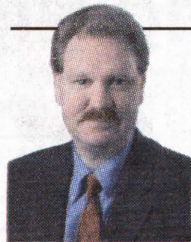
Angry Birds ... O Let Them Never

As the children of America count down the days until people give them free candy just for dressing up as a pirate for 30 minutes, the movie channels have already started their annual 31 days of thrills, chills and serial kills. Amid the onscreen mayhem caused by Jason, Freddy and Jigsaw, some viewers may wish to go old-school this Halloween season and watch a little Alfred Hitchcock. A master at scaring audiences with minimal gore and maximum suspense, Hitchcock gave us such classics as "Psycho," "Rear Window" and "Rope." Plus, I think he may have directed "Superbad."

One of his most menacing films has to be "The Birds" from Universal Pictures in 1963. Just when you thought it was safe to take that ornithology class, birds begin attacking people in Bodega Bay, Calif. Initially, the threat seems random — even accidental — as individual birds swoop down and knock people over. Soon, the avian villains begin gathering ominously in huge flocks, perching on school playgrounds, hovering above private homes and taking up all the good parking spaces at the mall. The climax is terrifying. But most disturbing of all, the film never explains the reason for this feathered declaration of war. It has been a mystery for nearly 50 years.

But friends, the answer has been flapping in front of us all this time: Alfred Hitchcock was simply hooked on "Angry Birds."

For those of you who have never heard of this phenomenon, I'm here at your service. I realize that for some in the extended Harding family, this column is your lifeline to popular culture. Bless your hearts. Allow me to explain why more than 12 million people haven't gotten anything done in the past 18 months. "Angry Birds" is a video game developed in Finland that



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has become a hugely popular iPhone app. It has even won a UK Appy Award. When I tell you the plot, you will think that I have been smoking ostrich feathers. But I squawk the truth.

The object of this game is to kill green pigs by hurling angry birds at them. The player has a slingshot and a certain number of seconds to wipe out as many green pigs as possible by catapulting birds into the places where they hide. For those method players who need a motivation for what would otherwise seem wanton butchery, we are told that the hogs have stolen bird eggs and that they are evil. But Aggies knew that already.

Like its predecessors "Angry Ghosts" and "Angry Chimps" (aka "Pac Man" and "Donkey Kong"), the game has multiple levels, and it becomes increasingly difficult to hit the pigs. They hide in houses, caves and pokes, and players can use their bird missiles to either hit the porcine fiends directly or knock down their shelters. But have no fear — the birds get more potent as the game advances. Some split into three birds. Some explode in mid-air. Some can even tweet. And the sooner you fire off your fowl, the more points you get. So the early bird truly does get the pork chop.

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As it turns out, "Angry Birds" have always been with us. Edgar Allan Poe was apparently terrorized by a Raven. A dead albatross wreaks its revenge on the Ancient Mariner. When she turns into a giant in Wonderland, Alice gets yelled at by a pigeon in Lewis Carroll's immortal classic. William Butler Yeats assumed the apocalypse would involve falcons. And, if we look hard enough, I'm sure we can find a hint of repressed rage in Jonathan Livingston Seagull.

If Sidney Lumet were to remake his classic courtroom drama from 1957, I have the perfect cast for "Twelve Angry Birds": Woody Woodpecker, Big Bird, Tweety, Foghorn Leghorn, Chicken Little, the Roadrunner, Mother Goose, Chilly Willy the Penguin, Toucan Sam, Sonny the Cuckoo ("I'm Cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs!"), Daffy Duck and Iago, the angry parrot from "Aladdin."

Are you addicted to this game? Have weeds taken over your yard? Are you behind in your homework? Has your 2-year-old gone unchanged since last Thursday? If you are one of the millions who just can't stop casting your owls before swine, there is help.

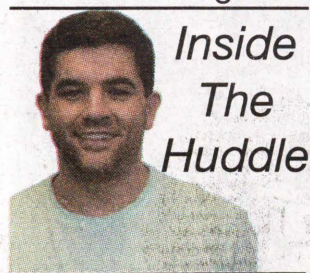
Bird Anger Management counseling is available, or you may wish to contact your local chapter of ABBA (Angry Bird Binging Anonymous). Whatever you do, find help before you get hooked on the sequel: "Revenge of the Angry Green Pigs." If you do not like green eggs and ham, you'll be terrified.

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The Winning Formula

With postseason baseball now in full swing, this is an opportune time for fans to see a really good baseball movie, "Moneyball," based on the best-selling novel by Michael Lewis.

The Oakland A's were a terrible team. Picture in your mind the team from the movie, "Major League." Remember Ricky "Wild Thing" Vaughn? They were a poor team by baseball standards and the players were sub-par at best. The desperate owner hired Billy Beane to turn things around.

Beane, portrayed in the movie by Brad Pitt (lucky, I knew), was a highly recruited athlete who turned down a football/baseball scholarship from Stanford to sign with the Mets. Beane never lived up to expectations and decided to enter the world of team management as the A's assistant GM.

When the A's team owner died and the new owners took over, Beane was promoted to GM. The new owners informed him that the team's budget would be greatly reduced. Big-name players bolted for more lucrative contracts, and the players left were not good. Being the fierce competitor he was, Beane decided he could put together a winning team regardless of salaries. He hired an assistant GM, Paul DePodesta, a Harvard grad statistics geek. (In the movie his character's name is Paul Brand. DePodesta refused the use of his name or likeness.) Together, Beane and DePodesta changed the manner of scouting in the baseball world.

Until that time, scouting was done by tobacco-chewing old timers who attended high school and college games with their clipboards. DePodesta advised Beane to trash conventional scouting for an unconventional method of plugging statistics into mathematical formulas he had developed for player evaluation. This system found value in players who were affordable and would have been overlooked by the old system.

This principle of sabermetrics has gone mainstream in baseball. Many clubs have hired analysts to put these principles into place for their teams. Herein lies the new problem for the Oakland A's.

In 2002, the A's put together a good team using sabermetrics. They had a spectacular season despite having the smallest payroll of any major league team. The fans were rewarded by their team's appearance in postseason play. But times change and the A's have gone back to their losing ways. Now that the baseball world knows about sabermetrics, they're using it. It's back to the competitive world of scouting but in a new era of analysis.

This year's playoffs feature teams such as the Rays and the Diamondbacks who might be considered Cinderella teams but in reality are clubs who have done their homework. We now have some exciting players to watch and root for in October.

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A familiar meltdown with a familiar result

Bisons ready for a refreshing home game after back-to-back losses in Alabama

by **MARSHALL HUGHES**
sports editor

If you pick apart the Bison's performance so far this season, the immediate reaction would be to focus on the all too familiar glaring number of turnovers that have plagued this team. Twelve fumbles have been given up so far this season and the Bison football team is looking for a cure.

The Bisons (2-3) traveled to Livingston, Ala., Saturday to hook up with the West Alabama Tigers at their home field. The Tigers (4-1) took advantage of five lost fumbles, beating the Bisons 31-17.

West Alabama had the ball at the start of the game, threatening to score the first points with a 24-yard field goal. Senior defensive end Josh Aldridge blocked Ryan Smith's attempt, giving the Bisons the ball. Harding's first drive was 15 plays in 82 yards, resulting in a Chaz Rogers 1-yard quarterback sneak. The Bisons led 7-0.

On another Bison possession, quarterback Kelvin Martin was sacked, forcing Harding's first lost fumble on the 50-yard line. The Tigers scooped up the ball and ran it back to the Harding University 21. West Alabama quarterback Kyle Caldwell connected with fullback Josh Senkbeil on a 3-yard touchdown pass.

Early in the second half, Rogers fumbled the snap at the Bison 45-yard line. Caldwell tacked on another score with a 4-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Gerald Worsham to give the Tigers a 17-7 lead. On the very next HU possession, the kickoff was fumbled, resulting in a 7-yard

touchdown run by junior RB Matt Willis. He ran for 198 yards during that game.

Harding was able to put together a scoring drive with a 50-yard field goal by Eddie Carmona, the top rated kicker in the GAC. Bison Assistant coach Clay Beason said he has been impressed with Carmona's presence on the field this year.

"Eddy is a team player, even though he has only been with us a short time. He really does want to do what is best for the team and he works very hard in practice. He is a gifted kicker and we are fortunate to have him," said Beason.

Rogers also scored again on a 1-yard quarterback sneak. Rogers broke the record of most rushing touchdowns in a season by a Bison quarterback with his eighth recorded in this game. The record was previously held by Beason (1996).

"I didn't even know about my record [held for 15 years] until a player brought it to my attention," Beason said. "I was glad for Chaz. I hope he more than doubles the record this season. He's a great young man, and we have a great offense."

The Tigers strengthened their lead with a Caldwell-to-Worsham 11-yard touchdown pass to put them ahead by three scores. Caldwell is a true freshman who made his first start for the Tigers a memorable one, going 13 for 22 throwing for 110 yards and 3 touchdown passes. Caldwell is an amazing little athlete to watch at 5 feet 7 inches tall and 149 pounds. He was overshadowed by the much larger players on the field but what he lacked in size he made up for with his fierce



photo by ASHEL PARSONS | Petit Jean

Redshirt junior running back Donatella Luckett enters tomorrow's game with 266 rushing yards on 37 carries. Luckett is seen above with his teammates running onto the field.

competitiveness.

The Bisons were sorely missing running back Kale Gelles, who did not play due to an injury sustained in the game against North Alabama. The No. 1 rated running back in the GAC was backed up by redshirt freshman Donatella Luckett, who carried the ball 16 times for 73 yards.

This Harding team must put the losses behind them and move forward. Beason said he is very positive about their future.

"I love our players. I love how we have responded to this adversity,"

Beason said. "Our guys continue to work hard and build up the brotherhood. Sure, we would like for our record to be better than it is, but our guys' work ethic has not been compromised. These are life lessons we can learn from this game. Many times in life things will not go our way, but response is critical to getting back on top. We will get there."

The Bisons will host West Georgia at home tomorrow on what looks to be a chilly night at First Security Stadium as part of Family Weekend festivities. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

Adriana Lucar: The Peruvian powerhouse

by **SAVANNAH LEE**
asst. photographer

Leaving home and going away to college is a difficult transition for most college freshmen. But leaving home and heading off to college in a foreign country at the age of 18 is not only difficult, it's a very gutsy thing to do.

Adriana Lucar grew up in Lima, Peru. When she was 6 years old she began playing soccer with her older brother and his friends. She became heavily involved in the game as she got older and played in high school and for the national U-17 and U-20 teams of Peru.

In Peru, women's soccer is not offered at the college level. Lucar wanted to continue playing so during her senior

year of high school she began looking into going to college here in the United States. She said one of her friend's mothers had a website that hosted various sports videos, so she recorded herself in a few games and posted the videos on the website.

Harding University's women's soccer coach Greg Harris heard about Lucar through a friend and watched the videos of her playing.

"She's a phenomenal player," Harris said. "I said, 'You know, let's see what we can do about bringing her in.'"

Harris began recruiting Lucar in October 2009. By the end of November she was committed to playing for Harding, and two weeks later

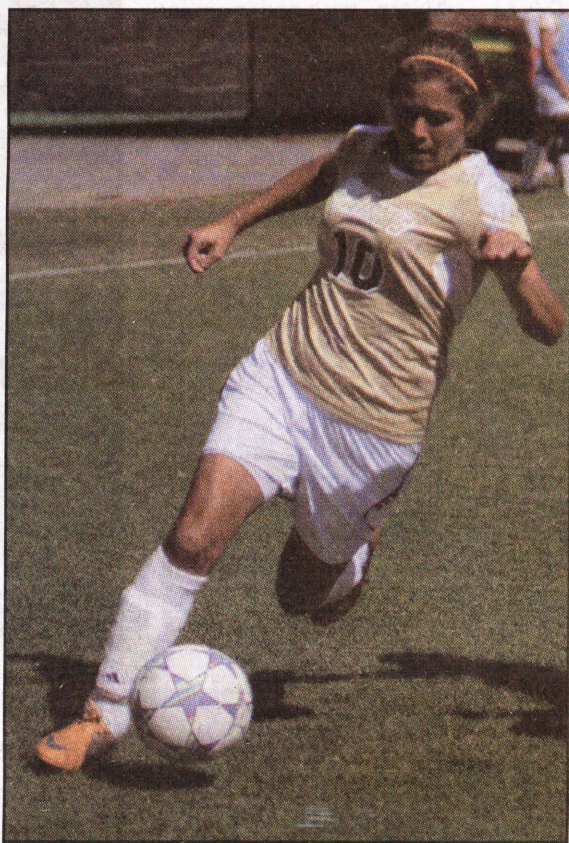


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Sophomore forward Adriana Lucar leads the Bisons with seven goals this season.

she had finished her visa paper work. Lucar arrived at Harding in spring 2010.

"I think God has a way of working it out to where he brings people here that need to be here," Harris said.

Moving to Harding was a big step for Lucar. She left her family and friends in Peru so she could continue playing soccer. Adriana left her home country in December during summer and traded her swimsuit for a snowsuit as it was snowing when she arrived in Arkansas. She didn't know anyone or speak the language.

"It was just difficult," Lucar said. "I thought it would be so easy to just come here and play, but the first two weeks here I just wanted to go home. I didn't want to stay here."

Harris said the girls on the team did a good job of getting Lucar involved and becoming a part of the team. He said Lauren Scharf took Lucar in and roomed with her.

"That was huge for us," Harris said. "Lauren taking her in and deciding to room with Adriana was a big deal of us keeping Adriana here. She's fun to have around, she's very open, very honest and she's a hard worker."

Lucar said she is good with being at Harding now. She is able to talk with her family and friends through Skype and Facebook.

"I love soccer; I can't live without it," Lucar said. "That's why I'm here, I'm here in the USA, you know, far away from my family and friends just because I really want to play soccer."

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

Friday Oct. 07	Saturday Oct. 08	Sunday Oct. 09	Monday Oct. 10	Tuesday Oct. 11	Wednesday Oct. 12	Thursday Oct. 13	Friday Oct. 14
1:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Alabama in Huntsville	11:00 a.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State	12:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. West Florida	8:00 a.m. Men's Golf at Indian Bayou Golf Tournament	8:00 a.m. Men's Golf at Indian Bayou Golf Tournament			
3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Alabama in Huntsville	Men's and Women's Cross-Country at Jackling Jacobs Invite	3:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. West Florida		5:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Central Oklahoma	No events		5:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. East Central
7:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Central Oklahoma	6:00 p.m. Football vs. West Georgia (Parents Night)			7:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Henderson State		7:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Ouachita Baptist	7:00 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Southwestern Christian

Lady Bisons looking ahead after three straight losses

Q&A with volleyball head coach Keith Giboney

by MARSHALL HUGHES
sports editor

Although the Lady Bison volleyball team (14-4) lost a non-conference match (1-3) to Arkansas-Fort Smith, the team has had many successes since the start of the season. The ladies are playing hard and are improving with every match.

Senior defensive specialist Amber Parker had a strong showing with a career high of 22 digs. Sophomore defensive specialist Weslynn Williams had an impressive 20 digs.

Harding sophomore outside hitter Mollie Arnold had a great match with 23

kills and 16 digs. Junior right-side hitter Bailee Graham contributed with 12 kills. Junior setter Amber Schinzing rounded out the highlights with 43 assists.

Entering his 13th season, head coach Keith Giboney is no stranger to success.

He has led the Lady Bisons to seven conference division titles and the 2003 conference championship. Giboney has a 125-21 career record in conference matches and is a five-time Coach of the Year honoree.

Giboney had these things to say about this year's team in an interview after the Arkansas-Fort Smith game.

Hughes: How would you summarize the season up to this point?

Giboney: Our season has gone really well. We are in the middle of a really tough stretch where we have lost three straight matches, but all were quality opponents. I told my team that we are not where we need to be but we are getting better. I think because our team is young, we'll continue to get better and things will pick up from here on out. This was a hard test, but we will be better for it in the long run.

Hughes: What are the strengths and weaknesses of the team?

Giboney: We have the capability of being very strong offensively and running a good fast offense. Defensively, we are a good ball-control team. But that still has to get better. We need to do a better job blocking and be more balanced on offense.

Hughes: Who are your team leaders?

Giboney: I'd give that to all of our seniors. Jordan Smith, Alex Smith and Amber Parker have been playing for me for three years and they know how I want things done. They do a good job communicating that. They are a good example on and off the court. These seniors nurture the younger players and help them embrace the expectations of our program.

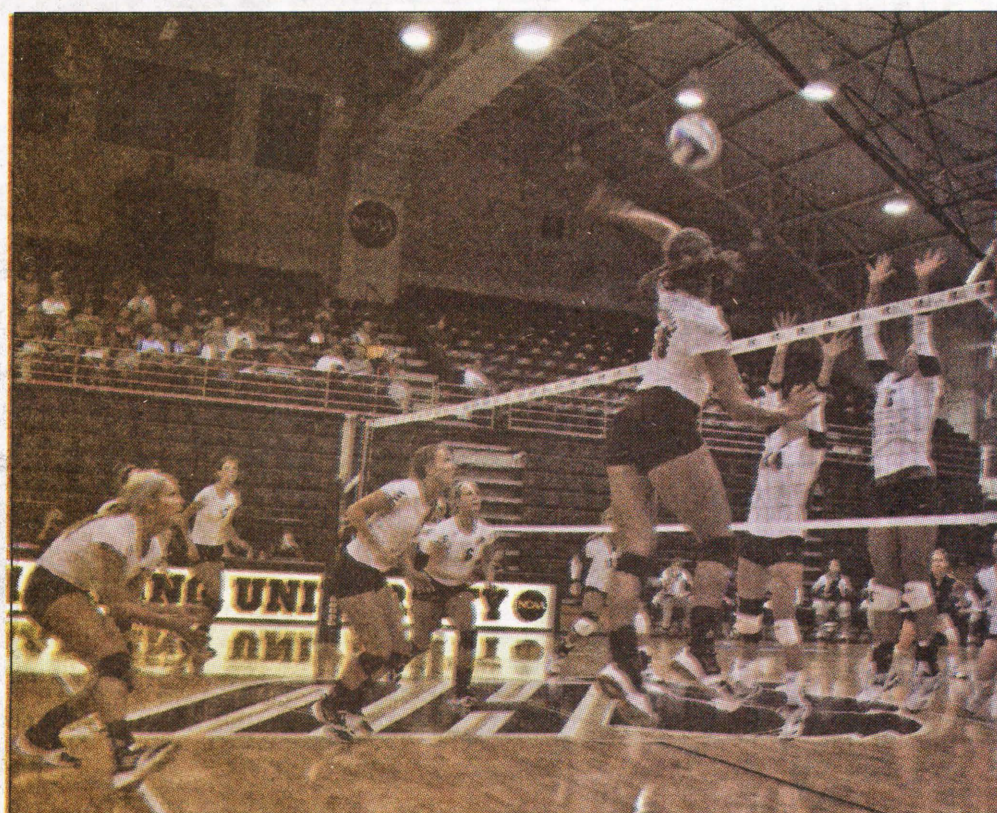


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Junior right-side hitter Bailee Graham leaps up for the spike against Arkansas-Fort Smith Tuesday night at the Rhodes Field House.

Hughes: What is your goal for this year's team?

Giboney: Our game-to-game goal is just to be a little steadier. We have the ability. We have the potential. We need to get tougher mentally and have more consistency. As far as the season goes, we control our own destiny. Our one loss in conference play was to Arkansas Tech, and we get them at home later in October. There's not a game on our schedule from this point that we can't go out and get. Every day we take the court, we believe we can win.

What happened to Tiger?

Morgan Jones



Guest
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Within the realm of pop culture, when you hear the word "golf" one name comes to mind more than any other. Tiger Woods. However, these days it seems more like "Cub" than "Tiger."

I mean, wasn't it just yesterday that Woods was atop the world of sports? Smashing tee shots down treacherous fairways, chipping in at the 15th at Augusta and winning the U.S. Open with knees like my grandfather.

But what has come of the Tiger of old? Where exactly has the greatest golfer the sport has ever witnessed gone? Well, your guess is as good as mine. And Tiger's. I'm sure he's just dying to know.

Tiger Woods once held the No. 1 position in golf for the most consecutive

number of weeks any one golfer ever has. He has been awarded the PGA player of the year a record of 10 times. Woods managed to win 16 World Golf Championships in just 11 years.

His career skyrocketed in the beginning, but now it has plummeted faster than Tiger can run his car into another tree. In just two short years he has gone from No. 1 golfer to No. 51.

That's right. Tiger Woods is not even in the 50 best golfers.

It is no coincidence that his poor play started after his "indefinite" leave to fix his marriage. Which apparently did not do much good since they got divorced in 2010 (big surprise there).

It seems just as Tiger was losing respect and love from fans and sponsors, he was losing his "golfing skills" at the same time. This just seems to show how big of an affect the public's view of Tiger as a person had on his golfing. When he was showered with love from sponsors and fans (and

apparently women on the side), he performed much better than when he knew he had become one of the least-respected athletes in years. Tiger has not even had any serious injuries in the last two years. I'd say the thing that has hurt him the most is his pride, even more so than his knees.

Tiger was once the "world's most marketable athlete," with endorsement deals from Nike, Gatorade, Gillette, you name it. He was even the winner multiple times of Sports Illustrated's "Sportsman of the Year".

Now Tiger has lost just about all his endorsements, is a good punch line for womanizing jokes and makes for some hilarious SNL spoofs.

Will Tiger Woods ever make a return to the top? That's one question everybody, including himself, is dying to know.

If so, it will undoubtedly be one of the biggest comebacks golf, maybe even sports as a whole, has ever seen.

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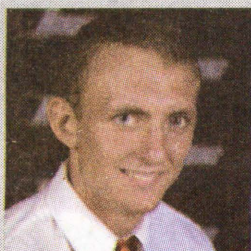
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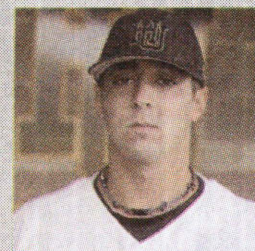
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A football player?

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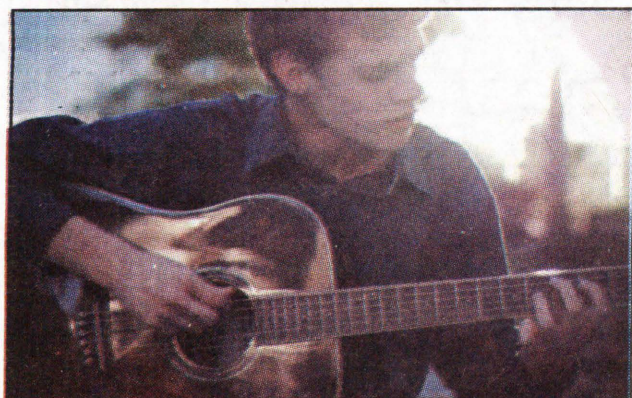


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Freshman Heath Church will play his CD during Relay for Life, which starts tonight at 6 p.m.

Creating meaning through his music

by ALEXIS HOSTICKA
features editor

Freshman Heath Church can often be found perched under the bell tower, playing guitar and singing his heart out for anyone who walks by or stops to listen.

"It's just fun to play," Church said. "One time I was playing and a person came over and said, 'You made my day.' I didn't even know him, so it's a just a good feeling and a good way to meet people because they'll come over and sit down and start conversations."

Church's passion for guitar began after he learned to play piano. He never felt attached to piano, so he tried playing guitar, mostly because of his parents. When he was 12 years old, his parents bought him a guitar. At first Church said he did not want to play but then started messing around and writing his own music.

Since then, Church has been writing and singing on

guitar. He describes his style as "alternative acoustic" and said he strives for his music to have meaning "beyond happy and sad."

"I write about a lot of things," Church said. "Kind of about the purpose of life sometimes, using every second wisely, or just experiences that I've had."

Church has recently put a CD together that he refers to as the best of his music.

It is 12 tracks long and costs \$8. Anyone interested can see Church or visit his Facebook page, where the songs are also available to listen to.

Church will also be playing through the CD at Relay for Life and said he would love to have people at the performance.

After almost seven years of playing guitar, Church could not see himself doing anything else.

"How could I not play guitar?" Church said, laughing. "It's just such a good place to go to express yourself, even if no one's listening."

Tutors help make a difference

HU honors students volunteer time to help out, form friendships

by CAITLIN CALDWELL
student writer

Since 2001, honors students have been volunteering to tutor middle and high school students, giving them an opportunity not only to help out, but also to form friendships.

"It has really proven to be a great program," graduate assistant Mary Margaret Fish said. "A lot of the students who were here last year have come back and have really benefited from it."

Fish is responsible for maintaining the tutoring sessions.

The sessions occur every Tuesday and Thursday in the Sears Honors House from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The tutors, honors students from Harding, are volunteers willing to help the high school students with whatever subject they need help in.

Freshman Evan Smith has a few years of experience as a tutor.

"I've always been interested in tutoring," Smith said. "I actually did a free tutoring program in high school, so this is nice. I feel right at home."

One of the students being tutored, a 15-year-old from Searcy High School, expressed that it has helped her understand a lot more about English and math.

Math seems to be the subject that needs the most help among the students.



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Freshman Annemarie Doyle helps tutor high school and middle school students at the Sears Honors House during regular tutoring sessions.

According to Fish, students being tutored must be between 7th and 12th grade.

All subjects are covered, and snacks are offered to the students as well.

Students not only engage in an afternoon study session, but also have the opportunity to experience something more.

"More than just homework help, sometimes kids come here for a quiet place to relax after school," Fish said.

With five to six students

currently on the waiting list to be tutored, the tutoring sessions are in very high demand.

"I feel like it's a really growing ministry," Fish said. "I wish we had a bigger place to be able to do it. It's been a really good thing."

Tutors and students alike have benefited from this program.

"I really love it," freshman Annemarie Doyle said. "The kids are all really sweet, and

it makes me feel better to be giving back."

This program has used something as simple as tutoring to reach out to the community of Searcy while also enriching the lives of all influenced by it.

"I think being able to help people who are struggling in turn helps you understand the subjects even more and is also a form of service," Smith said. "That's something that we should do as Christians."

Top tips to having successful job interviews

by KAEALYN TAVERNIT
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The dreaded interviews that come after leaving the comforts of Harding life can be an absolute nightmare for students. What not to wear, what not to say, what to say, and even the handshake are just a few stresses of the interview realm.

Starting off

Once the nerves settle and the interviewee gets comfortable, the interviewer will almost always lead with:

"Tell me about yourself."

Randy McLeod, director of the Center of Professional Sales, has helped students prepare for real interviews with mock ones. He refers to the first moments of the interview as one's "minute-and-a-half commercial."

What to say

"You must put info on the table that makes them go wow," McLeod said.

McLeod said to mention things that will set one apart. For example, Harding's overseas programs are a great opportunity for students to live in a

foreign country for months, which puts an interviewee ahead of competitors.

"Mention American Studies programs," McLeod said.

He said students should mention all of the speakers that they have listened to over the four-year period. What not to say can be more of a stressor than what to say.

What not to do

Never say, "I'm good with people," because according to McLeod, employers hear this all of the time. It is important to be honest and be confident in one's abilities. Also, one

should avoid having a "deer in the headlight" look. Social media plays a huge role in the interview process. Employers look for badmouthing of the company or customers and inappropriateness on the Web.

How to prepare

"I can tell more about a student by taking a look at their Facebook than a 20-minute conversation," McLeod said. "Employers continue to check Facebook even after they hire you."

Sometimes employers will call an interviewee during

class, causing the phone to go straight to voicemail.

"Clean out your voicemail," said McLeod. "Employers look for energy in the voicemail along with voice quality."

According to McLeod, it is necessary to do one's research before an interview.

"Know more than just a stock price and salary; know what their mission is," McLeod said.

One should be able to know what the company stands for and what the company needs in order to look better. McLeod said

students should be prepared to talk about their strengths and weaknesses.

Standing out

Prospective employees should bring something to the table that would make the company look good.

One must also feel comfortable talking about one's weaknesses. McLeod said that employers want to know how prospective employees would improve their weaknesses.

Students should know what weaknesses they need to work on and be able to fix them.

5 MAJORS MAKING THE BIG BUCKS

With the national unemployment rate at 9.1 percent in August, college students face enormous challenges as they apply for post-graduation jobs. Some well-paid fields, however, are continuing to grow, and many of them require only a bachelor's degree. The National Association of Colleges and Employers, the leading source of information on employment of people with a college education, listed the 10 best-paid degrees for 2010-2011 graduates and their starting salary offers in its article "Top-Paid Majors for the Class of 2011." Harding University offers degrees in several of these fields, and some graduates from these programs are getting jobs at places like Microsoft and Lockheed-Martin. Based on NACE's findings, the five Harding majors with the highest average starting salary offers are as follows:

No. 5. Management information systems: The NACE article lists information sciences and systems as well as business systems networking/telecommunications, which are both fields MIS majors can go into, according to Dr. Marguerite Cronk, chair of the MIS department. The average starting salary offer for information sciences and systems was \$56,868. Cronk said she recommends the MIS program "because you can get a job." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website, employment of computer network, systems and database administrators is supposed to grow by 30 percent between 2008 and 2018. Harding's program, formerly known as information technology, has enjoyed a 100 percent employment rate over the last 10 years, Cronk said. Harding has MIS grads at places like Lockheed-Martin, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Axiom and the Department of Defense.

No. 4. Computer engineering: The average starting salary offer for computer engineering was \$60,112. Computer engineering is actually a subset of electrical engineering, according to Dr. Zane Gastineau, chair of the department of engineering and physics. Computer engineering involves taking computer technology and "marrying" it to the machines that mechanical engineers design and the devices that electrical engineers design, he said. Employment of computer software engineers is supposed to increase by 32 percent between 2008 and 2018, according to the BLS. During the same interval, employment of computer hardware engineers is supposed to increase by 4 percent.

No. 3. Electrical engineering: This field had an average starting salary offer of \$60,646. Electrical engineering focuses on electricity and its applications — power distribution, communication, electronic devices, etc. Electrical engineering is projected to grow by 2 percent between 2008 and 2018, according to the BLS.

No. 2. Mechanical engineering: Graduates in this field were offered an average starting salary of \$60,739. Mechanical engineers design machinery to accomplish various tasks. The BLS website projects that employment in mechanical engineering will grow by 6 percent between 2008 and 2018. Gastineau said engineering majors are paid well because "if they don't learn their discipline here [in college] well, and they get out there and start practicing, there's a reasonable chance they could kill somebody. ... It is the risk that engineers take on — because we are always working on that cutting edge [of technology], we're pushing that boundary and we want to do it in a safe way. When you're taking those risks and stuff, people are going to compensate you for that." Harding engineering grads now work at places like Boeing, iRobot, T-Mobile and Verizon.

No. 1. Computer science: The average starting salary offer for computer science graduates was \$63,017. Computer science majors work in software development and programming. According to the BLS, computer programming is projected to grow by 3 percent from 2008 to 2018. Like computer engineering majors, computer science majors are also qualified to go into computer software engineering. Dr. Tim Baird, chair of the computer science department, said computer science opportunities are "only limited by our imagination." Nearly all graduates of the computer science program have jobs. "To my knowledge, of the students who have aggressively sought a job, 100 percent of them have found jobs," Baird said. Harding computer science graduates can be found at places like Microsoft, Texas Instruments, Hewlett-Packard and Lockheed-Martin.

by AERIAL WHITING, copy editor

Several of these disciplines overlap and many of the jobs these programs prepare students for are not listed, so students who major in one field may be well prepared to take a job in another. For more information, visit the National Association of Colleges and Employers website at www.nacweb.org, the Bureau of Labor Statistics website at www.bls.gov and the Harding website at www.harding.edu.

Orange Olympics



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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Freshmen Savannah Sellers, Kaitlyn Perring, Amelia Hinnergardt and Ashley Ritsema participate in Shantih's Orange Olympics for the Shantih mixer Monday, Oct. 3.

'Courageous' inspiration for fathers

by AERIAL WHITING
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Three years after "Fireproof" grossed more than \$33 million and proved that audiences are starving for faith-affirming, family-oriented movies, Sherwood Pictures has created another masterpiece, "Courageous." While "Fireproof" focuses on God's design for marriage, "Courageous" focuses on God's design for fatherhood, and it has a tough message for Christian men.

The movie opened in theaters on Sept. 30. It was written by brothers Stephen and Alex Kendrick, who also wrote "Fireproof," "Facing the Giants" and "Flywheel";

Alex Kendrick directed "Courageous," and Stephen Kendrick produced it. "Courageous" traces the lives of four police officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, Shane Fuller and David Thomson, who work in Albany, Ga. When they are on duty, these men are lionhearted and equal to their task. They make a fearsome team as they encounter gang violence and undertake drug busts, and they receive the respect of their peers, along with some good-natured teasing. But when these men go home, they fail as dads. Adam spends minimal time with his kids; David does not know his child at all.

After tragedy strikes the Mitchell family, Adam

becomes determined to step up as a father. Searching the Scriptures for insights into his role, he composes his "Resolution," a document outlining the ways in which he commits to act as a godly husband and parent. He shows his Resolution to Shane, David, Nathan and construction worker Javier Martinez, and the five of them decide to hold each other accountable as fathers.

Later, one of the officers reneges on his commitment, and his friends bravely but sorrowfully reprove him. Meanwhile, the other fathers become more active in their children's lives, and their children blossom. At the close of the movie, Adam exhorts his congregation about fatherhood and calls

out the "men of courage" among them.

The central theme of "Courageous" is that rather than being heroes at work and bystanders at home, fathers must demonstrate valor, servant-leadership, righteousness and love in their families and in every aspect of their lives, and they must rely on God to do so.

Sherwood Pictures, a ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church, has matured in its filmmaking. Overall, the acting in "Courageous" shows marked improvement over that of the church's previous films.

This movie was also more action-packed and dealt with a more complex storyline. It is rated PG-13 for some violence and drug content.

Sassy Sweets is latest craze for sweet tooth

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If you are craving sweets and want to splurge on your sweet tooth, Sassy Sweets is the place to go. Sassy Sweets specializes in wedding cakes and special event cakes. The bakery offers elegantly decorated cakes and cute baby shower or birthday cakes and just as the brochure says, "[They] love designing the perfect cakes for your special occasion." If wedding and baby shower cakes are not in your near future, do not fear; the bakers always have sweets in their cases for walk-ins.

Owned by Harding Director of Career Services Deb Bashaw and her daughter Rachel Grady, the shop is mostly a family business but does have outside help from current Harding students.

As soon as I walked in, I knew I would enjoy the small but cute bakery. With a black and turquoise color scheme and splashes of glitter everywhere, the decor proved that this is not your average small-town bakery. The friendly bakery staff greeted me and soon began showing me what kind of delights they offered.

The bakery has many different varieties of treats to satisfy your needs. I started off with what they call a "Brownie on Steroids," which consists of nice gooey caramel and sprinkles of toasted pecans and coconut. Although the brownie was somewhat difficult to get out of its cupcake wrapper due to the caramel, I found that it was well worth the work as soon as I took my first bite.

I then had their "Jamaican Me Crazy" cupcake, and I must say this was my favorite. It is

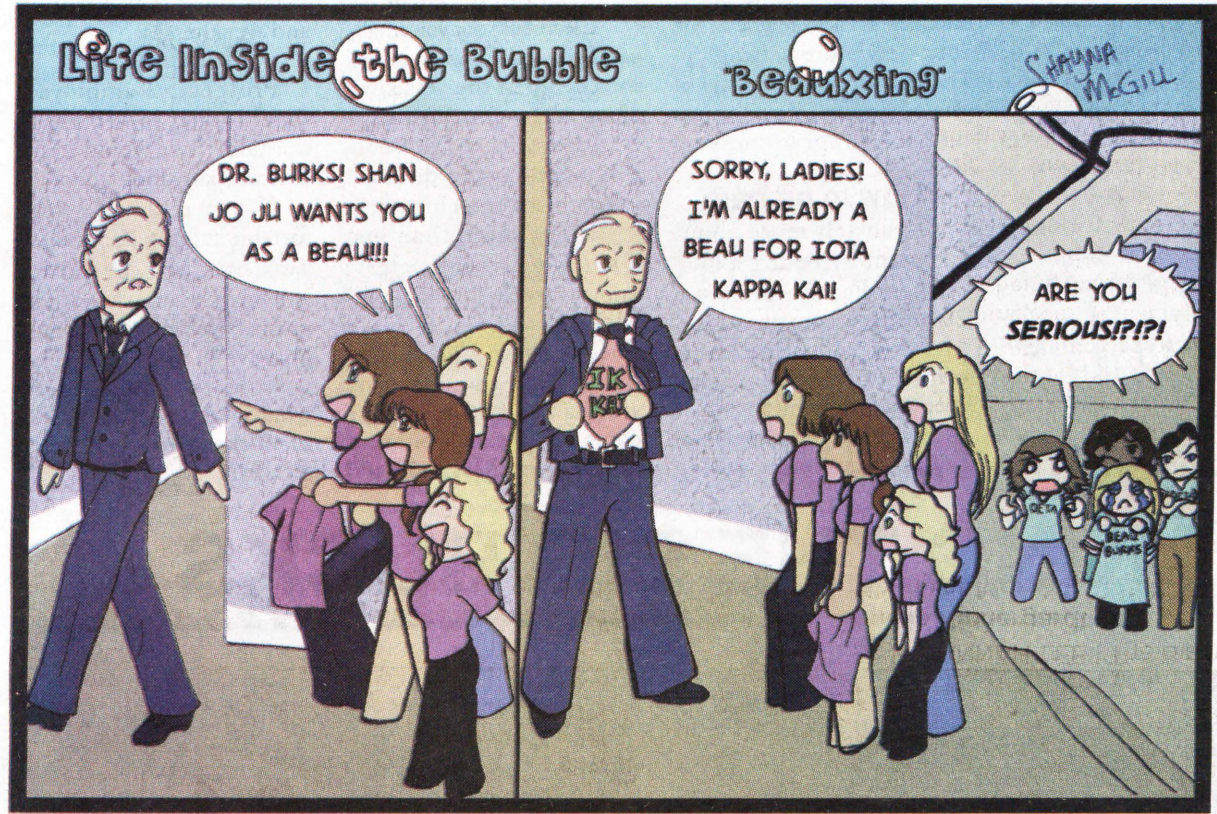
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sure to be a hit among coffee lovers with its gourmet-coffee infused icing. The sugary goodness does not stop there, though. I then sampled the Italian crème, strawberry lemonade and red velvet cupcakes.

Cupcakes are not the only thing worth trying at this bakery. They have several different assortments of cookies ranging from sugar cookies to "Monster-under-the-Bed" cookies, which are a peanut butter and oatmeal cookie with M&M's and chocolate chips. One of the bakery's specialties is the decorated sugar cookies. The decorations for the decorated cookies can vary from beautiful fall leaves to local high school football themes.

The cupcakes cost \$2.50 each and cookies range from \$.99 to \$2.99, but they are a great way to reward yourself after a long week of studying and lack of sleep. Also, the bakery offers flavors of the week and seasonal items, which make you want to come back for more.

Previously known as the Key Lime Cottage, Sassy Sweets is located at 405 N. Walnut in Searcy. It can also be found online at www.sassyssweetssearcy.com. It is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.



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